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FRESNO JUBILEE

On Saturday and Sunday, December 9th and 10th, our First Church in Fresno celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. On Saturday evening the anniversary dinner was held and was attended by a very large crowd of members, former members and friends. A continuous line of pastors of the church for thirty years or more was present, beginning with Rev. C. N. Queen, who was followed by Rev. A. W. Hare, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. Thomas T. Giffen and the present pastor, Rev. Norman B. Henderson. The toastmaster of the evening was Judge Charles Barnard of the District Appellate Court. A history of the church, which had been carefully prepared, was read, and each of the ministers spoke reminiscently and with great satisfaction because of the progress which the church has made. One could hear between the lines the echoes of difficulties and divisions in the days gone by. For many years the church was nurtured by the Congregational Home Missionary Society, and according to Rev. Mr. Hare, the temptation had been strong on more than one occasion to abandon the field. The strength and unity of the present church is testimony to the wisdom and faithfulness of those who labored a generation ago.

The anniversary service was held on Sunday morning. All of the ministers were present, with the exception of Mr. Gould, who was compelled to return to San Jose. The anniversary sermon was preached by Rev. Harley H. Gill, Conference Superintendent. The anniversary festivities were closed with the annual meeting of the church in a vesper communion service on Sunday afternoon.

All departments of the church are thriving. Community leaders, particularly in educational work, are found to a remarkable degree in its membership. The churches of Northern California join in wishing the Fresno Church still greater accomplishments.

At the last meeting of the Conference Board of Directors, the name of Mr. Vaughan MacCaughey was substituted for Rev. J. W. Buckham, resigned, on the Benevolence Promotion Committee. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson indicated her inability to serve on the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work. The list appearing in the last issue of "The Pacific" should be corrected in these two instances.

THANKFUL

Thankful for my memory
That enables me to find
Enjoyment in rich gems of thought
I've treasured in my mind.

Thankful for my children,
Of generations three,
Thankful for my Church and friends,
And all their good to me.

Thankful for privileges of prayer,
And the results I see;
Thankful, O My Blessed Lord,
That **Daily I have THEE.**

—Mrs. Florence Dexter.

A New Deal for a New Year

By SUPERINTENDENT HARLEY H. GILL

The New Deal for the church is an old deal. For the past decade and a half we have had an interlude, at times like a beautiful dream and again an ugly nightmare. The leaders of the church were not wanting in awareness of the trend of the times. They took advantage of the psychology and the habits which had been generated by the war, and of the increased wealth and higher living standards which were falsely assumed to have come. The giving to the churches was lifted beyond anything known before, as evidenced by the larger missionary budgets and the epidemic of new buildings.

Nevertheless, the amounts contributed to the church and its agencies were never more than devoted Christians should give to an enterprise which they profess to be of such great importance. However, the increase in receipts inevitably led to secular standards and evaluations. We counted our resources in terms of money.

Now we are back in amount of our benevolence income to the level of 1918. There is tragedy in that fact, and loss to our cause beyond the power of words to describe. Many leaders are still hopeful that there will be a quick return to prosperity and that the church will at once share in it. Whether this is to happen or not, it behooves us to put aside our money standards and take account of our spiritual resources. God knows that we must have them in the hour of poverty, and that there would be double need if we were again to become prosperous.

1. The Power of the Living God. Beyond budgets and buildings, more important than hospitals, schools, churches, missionaries, ministers, executive officers, publications, literature, programs, plans or devices is this—the Power of the Living God, never more needed and never more manifest than at this hour.

2. The Leadership of Jesus. The wisdom of men has failed, and the ethics of the jungle have had their day. Slowly but surely there is emerging in the practical relationships between men the spirit of Him Who came not to be served but to serve.

3. A Ministry Tested and Found Not Wanting. No accusation of "time serving" can now be hurled at our pastors. Making common cause with their people and putting aside selfish motives, they have given themselves to the business of comforting, inspiring and rebuking men, and proclaiming the good news of the better day.

4. Laymen and Women Sobered and Chastened. Never before has the truth so taken hold of the hearts of men that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things possessed. When material possessions disintegrate, the value of that which abides springs into view, and men fasten their faith and give their energy to the eternal.

5. A Heritage of Honor From the Fathers. We of the Congregational Fellowship have made much of this, but not too much. To be the spiritual descendants of those who dared their all for religious freedom and bequeathed to their children the zest for open-mindedness are blessings not to be treated lightly, nor to be overlooked as we take stock of our assets.

6. The Challenge of a Civilization to Be Made. It is given to us to labor when more and greater events are packed into a decade than a whole century has sometimes held. To have the task of making vital and practical the gospel of Jesus Christ in all human relationships—economic, political, international—that is a task for the greatest giants that man and God are capable of producing. The very thought of it gives us strength and courage.

There is nothing new in all of this except ourselves. We were not here yesterday, and we will be gone tomorrow, but we are here today. Please God, we shall possess ourselves of these great resources and shall to some degree realize what God, humanity and the new day have a right to expect of us.

MESSAGE FROM MODERATOR

At first she said she wouldn't—then she said she couldn't—and then she said, "Oh, thank you!"—and ever since, if anyone forgets to say, "Oh, you are the new Moderator!" she feels that she is missing a thrill which is due her.

At any rate, it is a very great honor; and I, as this "new Moderator," am happy to have this privilege.

Several letters have come to me from persons who are interested in the Annual Conference program. Some very good suggestions for next year have been received. Through the courtesy of "The Pacific," I am writing this letter to all members of the Conference, asking for additional suggestions and helpful ideas.

The Conference next year meets at First Church, San Francisco. How can we make the program the best possible? What good things from past programs ought to be preserved? How can we solve the problem of dwindling attendance on the last day? How can we include opportunity for seeing some of the fine sights of San Francisco? And how shall we plan entertainment, and the fellowship of eating together?

Above all, how can we make the program more vitally helpful in practical matters of church activity, and in spiritual inspiration?

If you have any ideas on any of these questions, please take time to write them down on paper, and send them to me.

Very cordially yours,
MRS. GAIL CLELAND,
Conference Moderator.

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PASTORS MEET

The Fourteenth Interdenominational Pastoral Conference, under the auspices of the Pacific School of Religion, will be held February 6 to 8, 1934. Rev. Ernest Fremont Tittle, D.D., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Evanston, Ill., will be the Earl lecturer. The general theme of the lectureship will be "Tensions in Religion."

The round table method will be used quite largely in the day sessions. Rev. Carl S. Patton of Los Angeles, Moderator of the National Council, will lead a discussion on preaching. Mr. August Vollmer, former chief of police of Berkeley, will lead another on "Vice and Law." Prof. W. F. Bade will discuss "Archaeology and the Old Testament." Dean Chester C. McCown will present "Recent Interpretations of Jesus." Prof. J. W. Buckham will meet with those who wish to consider "Problems in the Philosophy of Religion," and Prof. George T. Tolson will discuss with ministers their profession and the present economic problems.

Bishop James C. Baker of San Francisco, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will give three lectures on Dante. President Swartz will speak on "Drama in Preaching."

A quiet hour will be under the leadership of Rev. Allan A. Hunter of the Mt. Hollywood Church, Los Angeles. As usual, there will be a number of denominational luncheons.

Bay Annual Meet

About the time "The Pacific" reaches its readers, the Bay Assoiation will be holding its annual meeting at Plymouth Church, Oakland.

In order to bring out the people who are carrying the actual responsibilities of the churches and who are busy at their occupations during the day time, the entire program will be concentrated in one evening session following the dinner. There will be community singing, reports of committees and officers, and the annual election. The program will be a Panel Discussion on the general subject, "Rethinking the Church." Seated on the platform will be the following seven persons, who will discuss the church in a rapid fire exchange of ideas:

Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Pastor, First Congregational Church, Oakland.
President Aurelia H. Reinhardt, Mills College.
Prof. Charles E. Rugh, University of California.
Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Pastor, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.
Rev. W. B. Thorp, Pastor, First Congregational Church, Palo Alto.
Mr. George E. Axtelle, Principal, Lockwood Junior High School, Oakland.
Mr. Arthur Arlett, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

Have you made your plans for the Annual Meeting of the Federation? It will be held in the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, Thursday and Friday, January 18th and 19th.

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CHRISTMAS FUND GOES OVER TOP

The Christmas Fund, that blessed expression of gratitude and love, passed all expectations this year. On account of the depression and judged by the decline in gifts to the churches and benevolent organizations, it was feared that the Christmas Fund would show a tragic decline. To the surprise and delight of all, it was found that the same level for the gifts could be maintained this year as last. Checks were mailed in time to reach the pensioners before Christmas. The gifts averaged $40 for each of our aged ministers who are on the pension list, and $32 for the widows of ministers. Just how much these gifts mean is revealed in the following, which has been culled from a letter of appreciation:

"This is the most difficult thing to do: to **express** my thanks for the beautiful Christmas gift just received. Words are not adequate.

"The Christmas check is a direct gift from God. When Jesus would feed the tired, famished throng that followed Him, He got His disciples to help Him. He gave to them to distribute to the needy. Now in His care for us who are old, or laid aside by sickness (when we would most gladly continue active in His service) He gives to His faithful disciples the privilege of helping to care for us. And how beautifully they are doing it year after year, and making it such a glad Christmas, by supplying our actual needs, adding comforts and relieving anxious care. For this I thank you all, more than I can say.

"I ask God's blessing upon you all, and I thank you **so** much. Every cent of this money is precious because there was need for it.

"May the joy you are bringing into hearts and homes by this Christmas gift be reflected into your own hearts, and the Saviour's abiding presence be richer and dearer to you each day of the New Year, is my most earnest prayer."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9th—Annual Meeting, Bay Association.
January 18th-19th — Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, Berkeley.
January 21st-25th—Mid-Winter Meetings, Evanston, Ill.
February 6th-8th — Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
June 21st-28th—National Council of Congregational Churches, Oberlin, Ohio.
July 28th-August 4th—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
October 16th-18th—State Conference, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

Cacoypa Meet

First Church, Berkeley, was host to the annual holiday rally of Congregational young people, December 28th and 29th. This year, under the leadership of Dean "Dick" Morgan and a strong advisory committee and faculty, the rally was conducted for two days as a Conference Institute.

The response of the delegates to the "discussion" type of Conference was sincere and in the main enthusiastic. Seven groups considered problems arising from the general theme of "The Meaning and Value of Personal Religion." From the group reports at the final assembly it was evident that progress in "thinking through" had been made, and it was the unanimous opinion that the Institute had been a great stimulus to those participating.

In addition to the six hours of seminar work and the two dinners and programs, the meetings were greatly strengthened by the addresses by Dr. Paul Reagor of the First Christian Church of Oakland and by Dr. Jason Noble Pierce of the San Francisco First Congregational Church. The climax of the Institute came with the serving of the communion by Dr. O. W. S. McCall of the host church.

A hundred and sixty-one young people and adults participated by part or full time attendance at the Institute. The division was as follows: Twenty-five adults (including faculty), 84 college young people and 50 of the high school age. Nineteen churches of our Conference were represented.

Rev. E. T. Sherman was introduced by Chairman Ralph C. Waddell of the State Committee, as the director of the Young People's Conference at Asilomar for 1934. The dates for the Conference are set for July 28th to August 4th. Mr. Sherman, who was director last year also, made an appeal for the continued co-operation of all groups of the Congregational Conference to make 1934 the greatest year yet. Any suggestions toward this end should be mailed to him at 223 North School Street, Lodi.

PETER COOK OF RIO VISTA

With the closing of the old year, Mr. Peter Cook of Rio Vista passed into another room of the Father's House. For many years his home has been the rendezvous of ministers and educators. In early life he had some inclination to enter the ministry, but he found his work in the business world, and his Christian service as a layman. Those who have sat by his fireside have not only enjoyed a warm hospitality but conversation with a mind richly stored with truth and alive to the conditions of the day. It was a rare privilege to know him. His influence was always for Christianity and the church, and his loss will be felt by a great multitude of friends.

"VALOR OF THE SOUL"

"The Valor of the Soul," an attractive and usable book of daily devotions, is being widely used in our Conference. Readers of "The Pacific" will remember that it was prepared by our own Committee on the Devotional Life, and published by the National Commission on Evangelism. They have been used as Christmas gifts and greetings, and the Conference office has found it difficult to keep a supply on hand. All orders have now been filled, and other copies are available, which may be secured by addressing the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building. The price is 15 cents, plus 1-cent sales tax.

N. CAL. ON TOP

It is too early to print the final results in the benevolence giving of our churches for 1933. A number of churches are using the first few days of January to complete collections, make up accounts and forward their final checks. Remittances received up to and including January 10th will count on 1933 and be credited to the churches on apportionment for that year. Of course, a church that desires to make a beginning on 1934 and sends money before January 10th will be credited for the new year if its desire is clearly specified.

Present indications are that the loss as against 1932 will be very heavy, and yet we are far better off than many of our sister states. As reported a month ago, our shortage as compared with a year ago, dollar plan included, was about 15 per cent for eleven months. According to figures from the office of the Commission on Missions, this is the best showing of any state in the Union. There is only one group of churches having a lower percentage of loss, and that is the negro churches in the South, whose total giving for the year is less than one-twentieth of our giving in Northern California. The New England churches show a loss of 22½ per cent, those of the Middle Atlantic States 27½ per cent, the Southeast 20 per cent, the Middle West nearly 35 per cent, and the Pacific Slope 26.4 per cent. The average for the entire country is 27.3 per cent.

This means that our national Boards are suffering losses that are difficult to describe. Indeed, there is every appearance that when the reports are gathered and presented to the Mid-Winter meetings, the Congregational churches of the nation will be back on the 1918 level of missionary giving.

The Conference Board of Directors and the Superintendent wish to thank our churches for the splendid way in which they have stood by, and to express the confidence that we who have been so singularly favored in Northern California will carry on and take up part of the load which other states have been compelled to lay down. A final church-by-church report for the entire year will be published in the February issue.

Secretaries Resign

Word comes from New York of two changes in our national secretaryships. Rev. Charles C. Merrill, after a number of years' service with the Commission on Missions, has resigned to undertake work with the Board of Pastoral Supply of Boston. Prior to his present position he was Superintendent, first of Vermont and then of Illinois. During the years of declining income he has not lost faith and courage. He has been remarkably successful in undergirding the securing of missionary money with spiritual motives.

Rev. Harry R. Miles, associate secretary of the Ministerial Boards, has reached the age of retirement and will step aside in the near future. Dr. Miles is well known in California, having served for a number of years as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. During his term of office in New York he has endeared himself to a multitude of the pensioners and annuitants who have found in him a sympathetic friend and advisor.

"The Pacific" extends congratulations to both of these men and best wishes for the future.

ADDED NEWS

PACIFIC GROVE. At a recent evening service a missionary play entitled "Tired of Missions" was presented by a group of young people. About 140 persons enjoyed the annual Roll Call dinner, which was a real "home" party. Messages were read from out-of-town members. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. This church is seriously burdened with taxes and paving assessments, but expects to meet one full installment early in January. In spite of hard times, a contribution was made to benevolences. Mr. S. Nakayama is the pastor. In addition to Fresno, Sunday Schools are carried on at Del Rey and Madera.

GUERNEVILLE. Mr. Ross H. Price, who came to the church a little more than a year ago, has completed his work. The church has decided to have Sunday supply preachers for the remainder of the winter. Mr. Price and his family will occupy the parsonage for the time being.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. At the Sunday School Christmas party a pageant entitled "The Coming of the King" was presented by a group of young people. A basketball team, coached by Mr. J. B. Wirt, has been formed. Mr. James E. Boyd is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. The church expects to close its year with bills practically paid and benevolence pledge fulfilled. Gifts were made by the Sunday School for the Indians in Modoc County. About one hundred people recently attended a chicken dinner. Rev. R. B. Cherington is the pastor.

LOOMIS. After being without a resident pastor for eighteen months, this church is now rejoicing in the leadership of Rev. H. J. Loken, who arrived from Alturas two days before Christmas to take up his residence in the parsonage and his duties as pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN. Rev. V. H. Yessayan, who has been pastor for the past three years, has been elected for another three-year term by the unanimous vote of the church.

ALAMEDA. Through the "mile of pennies" plan and earnest effort in other ways, the church is closing the year with all bills paid and making a substantial contribution to benevolences.

She Is Thankful

Miss Mary Coxhead, missionary to the Indians in Modoc County, desires to extend her sincere thanks to the churches of the Conference for the boxes forwarded before Christmas. There were three parties for the Indians, with Christmas trees, candy, fruit, and presents. At Likely the cabin was lighted with kerosene lamps hung from rafters, but the tree showed up beautifully.

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION
PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

REDWOOD CITY. A recent address by Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, the pastor, on "What's Wrong With San Mateo County," was commented on favorably by the San Mateo "Times." We quote from the editorial:

"Why should the splendid citizens of this glorious peninsula stand for conditions that San Francisco does not want and will not stand for?" he demands. "Hundreds of San Franciscans have the impression that Alameda County is a better place to raise children—better morally!

"I do not believe that that impression is justified. Nevertheless, there it is. Something must be done about it," the pastor concludes.

He points to the charter as the people's effort to do something, and suggests that it is time to serve notice on the men who are supposed to be our political servants, that they must carry out, not only the letter, but the spirit of the charter; or else the people will carry the politicians out at the next election. He also suggests that any elected official in this county who does not favor the new charter, will, if he be a gentleman, resign his office.

The expression is heartening, not because it points to any new problems or to any new solutions, but because it comes from a churchman.

AUBURN. The proceeds of a lot which was recently sold by the church were used in remodeling, repairing and renovating the parsonage. A large and attractive living room has been made out of two rooms and will serve admirably as a meeting place for the young people. Not a little of the carpentering and painting was done by the pastor, Rev. R. N. England. With attractive church and parsonage and the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. England, the church expects to gather and train a large group of young people.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Several organizations in the community, including Dad's Club, American Legion and Kiwanis Club, united with the church in a Father & Son banquet. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach was the speaker. The Masonic Hall near by has been secured for the use of the senior department of the church school. The total enrollment of the Sunday School is now 290. Rev. Horton Colbert is the pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. Sunday, December 17th, was Open House, with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gregg, directors, acting as host and hostess. Many people of the community called, and in the evening special Christmas programs were presented by the young people's groups. Two large boxes were sent to Modoc County for the Indians.

SAN MATEO. As a result of a special Thanksgiving offering and of the liberal use of Dollar Cards, this church has made a contribution of $300 toward benevolences, which represents a long step forward over recent years. Rev. George E. Brown is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Each of the following groups sponsored a Sunday during November and December: Young people, Boy Scouts, church school, women and men. A male chorus resulted from the men's Sunday. Rev. E. W. Benedict is the pastor.

OROVILLE. Following the death of Rev. W. J. Johnson, who for seventeen years had been the beloved pastor of this church, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Eckles were invited to come for a period of three months. The church was more closely knit in organization, and the budget for the coming year was raised. After careful study by a large and representative committee, Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer of Niles was invited to spend two Sundays and the intervening week with the church for purposes of acquaintance. This resulted in the unanimous call, which was promptly accepted. Mr. Brinkmeyer, who has served as pastor at Niles for the past four years or more, is a graduate of the University of Wichita, Kansas, and of the Pacific School of Religion. He was ordained by a Council of the Bay Association churches immediately following his graduation in 1932. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brinkmeyer specialize in young people's work and have shown special talent in organizing. The Oroville church looks forward with confidence and enthusiasm to an era of growth and increased power.

LODI. During December this church suffered the loss of one of its pioneer members, Mrs. Angie Van Buskirk. Through Junior Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday School, for many years she made her life felt in church and community.

The Christian Endeavor Society contributed a Christmas basket to the welfare association and a missionary box to the Indians in Modoc County. Fifty young people sang carols on Christmas Eve, following a beautiful program at the church. Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, with a group of young people, attended the Cacoypa Institute in Berkeley.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. On Sunday morning before Christmas, the choir presented Handel's "Messiah," which was followed by a brief Christmas sermon. In the evening Christmas carols were sung, among them a number entitled "Bells of Christmas," written by Dr. Pierce, the pastor of the church. On Wednesday evenings Dr. Pierce is reviewing up-to-date books. These are followed by the showing of motion pictures.

BERKELEY, PARK. On New Year's Eve at a beautiful vesper hour communion service, four young people and one adult were received into the church. Twenty-one young people sang carols at the homes of most of the church members. Rev. and Mrs. Tom Watt favored their friends with an original poem of Mr. Watt's entitled "The Beautiful Life," printed attractively as a Christmas greeting.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A Junior Fellowship of Youth has been organized with seventeen active members. The church Fair brought in about $600. This church will unite with other churches in San Francisco in a city-wide campaign of evangelism. Rev. J. C. Carpenter and Rev. J. H. Price are the pastors.

HIP WO SCHOOL. The most successful term in the history of the school was closed with a fine Christmas program on Saturday evening, December 23rd. A great deal of dramatic talent was shown by the young people in dialogues and plays.

PETALUMA. The first month of the pastorate of Rev. R. C. Waddell passed very happily for the Petaluma Church. A college-age discussion group to meet Sunday evenings was formed with a membership of fifteen. On December 17th the choir sang Protheroe's Cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," and on the 22nd the Sunday School presented a pageant, "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," in which the children brought gifts for unfortunate families. On Christmas Eve a midnight candlelight service was held, illustrating the Christmas story with tableaux and carols. About twenty young people from First Church, Oakland, were the guests of the Petaluma young people at this service. Dr. and Mrs. Waddell were at home to members and friends of the church on New Year's Eve.

FAIRFAX. On the Eleventh Anniversary, which was observed December 10th, letters from former pastors were read, and talks were made by charter members. One new member was received into fellowship.

On Christmas Eve two large trucks were secured from the C. C. C. camp and 65 young people, including boys from the camp, went caroling. Expressions of appreciation in the form of Christmas gifts were made to the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. James W. Price at the Sunday School program and pageant. The benevolence quota has been paid in full for the year.

SANTA CRUZ. Superintendent Harley H. Gill recently visited this church and spoke on the benevolence program and needs of the denomination, and discussed with leaders the financial problems of the local church. Motion pictures continue to draw great audiences on Sunday evening. Rev. H. S. Mahood, the pastor, is called on frequently by people whose only connection with the church is attendance at these services. The Sunday School is in a thriving condition, and there are evidences of interest and enthusiasm on every hand.

SALIDA. This church has become a community center. The pastor, Rev. Arthur T. Davies, is deputy labor administrator under the Civil Works reemployment service. A group of women meet five days in the week at the church under the C. W. A. The Bethany Circle recently sponsored a "Country Store" from which a substantial sum was realized. The church roof has been repaired and heating improved. All bills are paid.

SEBASTOPOL. The parsonage has a new roof, the Women's Club paying for the shingles, and a number of men doing the work as volunteers. A debt which has long been troublesome has been wiped out by a special effort.

A beautiful candle-lighting service was held to watch the old year out and the new one in. Rev. George E. Atkinson is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. This church is being happily supplied by Mr. D. S. Yenovkian of Fowler. Mr. Yenovkian served as pastor ad interim for one year at the Pilgrim Church in Fresno while Rev. M. G. Papazian was overseas. The church is worshipping in property belonging to the Swedenborgian Church on Fillmore, near O'Farrell.

WOODSIDE. The pastor, Rev. Benjamin St. John, celebrated his 85th birthday on December 10th. He asked for a birthday present in advance, not anything that would cost money, but just the members of the congregation at the morning service. The house was filled. At the close of the service about twenty friends accompanied the pastor to a beautiful spot under the redwood trees for a picnic dinner. People were present from Campbell, Agnew, Oakland and San Francisco. There were two birthday cakes, one with 85 candles. The pastor wonders whether a birthday every month or two might not help, particularly in church attendance. "The Pacific" and the churches of Northern California unite in congratulations and good wishes to our beloved Mr. St. John.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. On Sunday afternoon before Christmas, the choir of the church, assisted by the junior choir and orchestra, presented Handel's "Messiah." This church is doing a remarkable work in training children and young people in church music. Mrs. Helen Hennessey Green is the director.

On the Sunday evening before New Year's the congregation was addressed by Rabbi R. I. Coffee on "Hitler and the Jews." The New Year sermon was delivered by Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, on "Time-Honored Creeds and Unfinished Tasks." Dr. Giffen, who is a member of the Home Boards and the Commission on Missions, expects to attend the midwinter meetings in Evanston.

ALTURAS. Rev. J. K. Ballou, who was pastor of our church at Santa Rosa a number of years ago and who has not been in the active ministry recently, has been called for one month with the hope and expectation that he and the church may be happy in a more permanent relationship. Mr. Ballou's duties begin with the first Sunday in January. During the summer of 1933 he supplied the Oroville Church on Sunday evenings during the illness of Dr. W. J. Johnson.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The Board of Directors of the Bay Association, out of its treasury, paid the balance of the cost of paint which was used last summer for the building, and also made a contribution toward the fund for basketball suits. This is the only remuneration which the young men received who did such a thoroughgoing piece of work in painting and decorating the property. Mr. T. T. Taam is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Fifty-five young people went caroling Christmas morning and were served breakfast at the Blue Triangle Club. Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach held Open House on New Year's Day.

EUREKA. Rev. C. H. Hudson is entering upon his seventh year as pastor. In addition to his church duties, he is active in community work and arranges the religious programs for the local radio station.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John T. Munton continues his work at Murphy and Copperopolis as well as Angel's Camp. On Christmas eve a very large congregation attended the special program.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

NO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY

Worthwhile Institutes

Two Institutes which should result in great good have been held during the past two months in the Bay Region.

The one on Human Relations was led by three men, a Jewish Rabbi, a Catholic priest, and a Protestant minister. Through public addresses and conferences these men are seeking to spread a better understanding of, sympathy with, and tolerance for, all faiths.

The aim of the Race Relations Institute was "to find a way through study of actual situations toward more friendly relations between races who live in our community." Among the subjects discussed were housing conditions, the opportunity of self-expression, discrimination against races of different color, both in schools and recreation centers, also segregation—the keeping of different nationalities from living in white residential districts or having contacts with those in such neighborhoods.

The rather new Panel system was used in this Institute. Five representatives of different races first stated their problems along business, social or community lines. Then followed a discussion by members of the Panel, an informed group of white leaders, with later additional discussion from the floor.

Both of these Institutes were well attended and dealt with subjects with which every thoughtful person should be conversant today.

Rabbi R. I. Coffee of Oakland once said that however interested one might be in the Israelites, Canaanites, Hittites and other Biblical Ites, we must be intelligently concerned today with the pressing problems and needs of the Oaklanderites and Berkeleyites. Apply this message to your own city and town.

Ferndale, with 47 members, has overscribed its apportionment and sent in thirtytwo coin cards. Hayward has sent in $55.

Feminine Fancies

Soap, nail-files, adhesive tape, hot water bags—not only feminine fancies, but practical necessities for everyone—these are but a few of the articles that groups of California women sent Miss Helen M. Dizney in Taiku Hospital, China, and was she happy? NO, she was overjoyed! From Murphy in Calaveras County, Alameda, Auburn and the Women's League of Plymouth Church, Oakland, these packages were sent. And not only was Miss Dizney enthusiastic over the gifts, but so grateful over the fact that great care had been taken in valuing everything that was sent so that very little duty was demanded. "For that, too," she adds, "I am deeply grateful." And she ends with these words: "Who, oh, who is our good publicity agent in California?" Mrs. F. F. T. Watson, Charge d'Affaires of the quotas, we salute you!

WHO WILL TEACH?

Dr. Haven Emerson recently said: "I am confident that drinking will decline as a matter of individual choice because of the desire of the youth of our land for a greater personal effectiveness. But young people cannot know except they be taught. Who will teach this to youth? The public schools? Yes, but it is to the CHURCH and its MINISTERS youth should look for its supreme influence. The church is called to teach morals and religion, to clarify the right and wrong of all great issues."

WAR AND ECONOMICS No. 3

Secretary of War Dern says: "We must be practical enough to remember that economic relations are actually at the bottom of war, and if economic conditions cannot be stabilized, peace cannot be stabilized either."

"Men Conquer Guns," by Walter Van Kirk and Paul Douglas, is a short but excellent brochure on this vital subject, giving a clear-cut resume of the various disarmament conferences. Price, 20 cents.

"SECOND FIDDLE"

Under this caption Mrs. Charlotte Hazlett, at a recent Federation meeting, told many enlightening facts about Paul Reynolds of Fenchow, China. According to law, a foreigner cannot now stand at the head of an educational institution in China. Hence Mr. S. C. Yui (S. C. stands for "Clear Heart"), as "First Fiddle," serves as the able and aggressive principal of the Memorial Middle Schools in that locality. Mr. Yui has studied extensively in Europe and America. He is a Christian who believes that Jesus came to make all things new and that religion "CAN BE a terrific force to turn men inside out and drastically make over society." He is an executive of the first order. Instead of puttering about planting a few trees, he orders them by fifties and hundreds. He abolishes old, dusty cart trails and builds brick roadways. Eager students with spades, baskets, water buckets, all kinds of necessary working utensils, are at his call, and new buildings rise, grounds are landscaped, and sidewalks appear almost over night. A carpenter, true to Chinese custom, was days late in delivering an order. Mr. Yui refused to accept it. The next time the order was delivered on time.

Mr. Yui says "the United States and all its inhabitants can sit around and drink beer or nearer beer all it wishes, for the United States has gone 'into high' long since, but if China ever expects to even get within sight of the end of the procession she has to RUN and RUN NOW."

Paul Reynolds, in this most revealing story of Mr. Yui, closes with these words: "He assigns me task and I do them. He points out my mistakes and I try to do better. He asks for my suggestions and help, and I give him the best I have. He shows that he is fond of me, and my heart grows warm toward him."

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